Remarks

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e)

In the Office Action dated 20 September 2007 Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Hwang (US 2003/0095561). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1, 3 and 4. MPEP § 2131 provides: "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

Applicant respectfully submits that Hwang) does not anticipate, either expressly or inherently, each and every element as set forth in independent Claim 1. Specifically, independent Claim 1 requires: "obtaining pre-defined modulated transmission protocol bits stored in a memory".

Hwang in Fig. 2 and paragraph 58 lines 1-6 describes "The header processor 220 generates headers corresponding to the individual multicast streams 35 and modulates them at predetermined data rates". Therefore Hwang does not disclose "obtaining predefined modulated transmission protocol bits stored in a memory" as required by independent Claim 1. In contrast, Hwang describes modulating the headers (transmission protocol bits) and not, as recited in claim 1, obtaining pre-defined modulated transmission protocol bits stored in a memory.

Dependent Claim 3 and 4 depend from Claim 1, and include all the limitations of independent Claim 1, that was shown to be allowable for the reasons given above. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 3 and 4 are in proper condition for allowance and request that Claims 1, 3 and 4 now be passed to allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

In the Office Action dated 20 September 2007 Claims 2, 5-13 and 17-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hwang (US 2003/0095561) in view of Ganesan et al (US 5,812,951). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 2, 5-13 and 17-25.

As shown above, Hwang does not describe "obtaining pre-defined modulated transmission protocol bits stored in a memory" (as recited in Claim 1). It is also submitted that Ganesan et al does not describe this feature of "obtaining pre-defined modulated transmission protocol bits stored in a memory". Hence, the combination of Hwang and Ganesan et al does not result in the subject matter of dependent claims 2, 5-13 that depend from claim 1.

Referring to independent claim 17, this independent claim requires "a memory storing pre-defined modulated transmission protocol bits". Hence, for the reasons given above neither Hwang or Ganesan describe "a memory storing pre-defined modulated transmission protocol bits" and therefore independent claim 17 and its depending claims 18-25 should be considered allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2, 5-13 and 17-25 are in proper condition for allowance and request that Claims 2, 5-13 and 17-25 now be passed to allowance.

In the Office Action dated 20TH September 2007 Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hwang (US 2003/0095561) in view of White et al (US 5,495,482). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 14 and 15.

As shown above, Hwang does not describe "obtaining pre-defined modulated transmission protocol bits stored in a memory" (as recited in Claim 1). It is also submitted that White et al does not describe this feature of "obtaining pre-defined modulated transmission protocol bits stored in a memory". Hence, the combination of Hwang and White et al does not result in the subject matter of dependent claims 14 and 15 that depend from claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 14 and 15 are in proper condition for allowance and request that Claims 14 and 15 now be passed to allowance.

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In view of the above, this application is believed to be in proper form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney or agent at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

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